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Today's Topics:

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We trust that readers are intelligent enough to realize that all text
herein consists of personal comments and does not represent the official
policies or positions of any party. Your mileage may vary. So there.

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neoucom.edu!kira.cc.uakron.edu!malgudi.oar.net!news.ysu.edu!yfn.ysu.edu!
as779@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: "for ID"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

NH6IL writes:

> >Like "Ahhhhh my name is Fred. Ahhhh my QTH is, Ahhhh my >rig is a ,
> Ahhhhhh Ahhhhhh Ahhhhhh my antenna is Ahhhh".
>

> That's done so that their VOX continues to key the xmtr; otherwise at
> every pause their xmtr would drop off and you'd miss the first syllable
> (at least in the older gear) of their next spoken word.

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> Jeff NH6IL

The other, even older reason goes back to the very annoying characteristic of older rigs and "Linears" which used large, noisy relays to switch from TX to RX. Besides a clipped first syllable, the operator and listener would both be subjected to the sound of a loud "THWACK" (onomatopoea?) when the relays kicked over. Operators using speech clippers and compressors added to the interesting characteristics of the changeover sound. The long AAAAAhhhh's did indeed minimize this. It is still odd, though, hearing people do it on VHF repeaters.

Chuck Reti Detroit MI WV8A
aa010@detroit.freenet.org
as779@yfn.ysu.edu

Date: 28 May 94 15:04:51 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!usenet.ucs.indiana.edu!
master.cs.rose-hulman.edu!news@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: "portable" was "for ID"
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Howdy,

I year or so ago I asked the following trivia question on a local 2-m net.

When are you required to sign "portable", as
in "This is K9CUN portable"?

As you might imagine this caused a very nice discussion on the net.

And the correct answer astounded more than a few hams.

73 de Jack, K9CUN

Date: 27 May 1994 19:46:29 -0700
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!library.ucla.edu!europa.eng.gtefsd.com!news.umbc.edu!eff!
news.kei.com!hookup!news2.sprintlink.net!news.sprintlink.net!rain.org!coyote!
leigh@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: 10M open

To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

lvn@cen.com (Larry Novak) writes:

>In article <2s2f6t\$hc0@u.cc.utah.edu>,
>Christian X Nielsen <cxn2624@u.cc.utah.edu> wrote:
>>
>>10m was open on earlier this week at 10:30 pm mtn time. It was
>>covering CA,AZ,WA,OR,NV, coming into Utah

>Boy, things are REALLY bad when 10m is considered "open" when CA can
>talk to UT. Sigh!

>_ Larry, K3TLX
> lnovak@cen.com

Larry, let's accenuate the positive: while HF conditions are downright
crummy at the present, there are lots of newly licensed "coded" Techs and
Novices who only have HF SSB priveleges on 10 meters. To them, talking
to a station 1000 miles away via sporadic-E propogation must be much more
exciting than the squelch tails on the local 2 meter repeater.

73 from Santa Barbara DE KM6JE/Leigh.

Date: 28 May 94 14:47:54 GMT
From: agate!howland.reston.ans.net!sol.ctr.columbia.edu!usenet.ucs.indiana.edu!
master.cs.rose-hulman.edu!news@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: Ahhhhhhhhhh all the time
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Howdy,

> What about guys that keep saying "Ahhhhhhh" all the time?
>
>
> Isn't that the international phonetic for ⁻⁻BT?
> --
> Rich McAllister (rfm@eng.sun.com)

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C'mon! Ahhhhhh Everybody knows that's Ahhhhhh to keep the VOX from Ahhhhhh
dropping out Ahhhhhhhh.

73 de Jack, K9CUN

Date: Fri, 27 May 1994 14:42:38 MDT
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adec23!ve6mgs!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
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Sorry for the delay in getting Newsline this week. My wife Kay went into labor before I had it fully transcribed! I am proud to announce that we have a happy, healthy and very hungry baby girl named Jamie Alexis Kay Cary who was 7 lb 2 oz and 18.5 inches. After 13 hours of labor we didn't get much else done.

Sincerely,
Dale Cary - WD0AKO

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The radio spectrum is now officially up for sale. At least a part of it is, according to Federal Communications Commission

Chairman Reed Hundt.

Hundt says that his regulatory agency will hold frequency spectrum auctions this summer and fall. The frequencies up for grabs are to be used to expand mobile communications. The FCC Chairman says that this emerging industry has the potential to become one of the biggest in the United States with an estimated 87 million customers or more by the end of the century.

In a related matter, Chairman Hundt told the Washington Post that he wants the FCC to promote competition in the communications industry, especially for cable TV. In that way he says the agency could eliminate rate regulation almost entirely.

At this time the auctioning of spectrum by the FCC does not appear to hold the potential to impact on ham radio. But with the ham bands considered a valuable commodity by many non-amateur business interests, this is a situation that will have to be watched carefully for the future.

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2300 MHz COMMENTS

The FCC has issued a Notice of Inquiry on the reallocation of spectrum from federal government use and has designated the proceeding as ET Docket 94-32. If approved, some 50 MHz of band space would be transferred to private sector use, possibly as early as this summer.

The reallocation is called for under the Omnibus Reconciliation Act of 1993. It requires the Department of Commerce to identify 200 MHz of spectrum below 5 GHz to be reallocated within the next 15 years.

The spectrum recognized for immediate reallocation is at 2390 to 2400 MHz, 2402 to 2417 MHz, and 4660 to 4685 MHz. Amateurs share the first two ranges. The Commission said that there are a number of factors associated with existing allocations of the bands that will affect their potential for private sector use. It is specifically asking for input on whether the proposed reallocations would adversely affect amateur operations, especially amateur satellites.

The Commission says that the Department of Commerce expects that the amateur service community can satisfy the majority of its spectrum requirements in the remaining 35 MHz left after the proposed reallocation. It also believes that current use of the 13 cm band by amateur stations is light compared to use of bands lower in the spectrum, but it notes that use may increase for amateur-satellite, high-speed computer data links, amateur TV, and other wide-band applications.

The Department of Commerce says that it excluded the 2400-2402 MHz band from consideration for reallocation in order to protect existing amateur satellite operations.

The FCC has set a comment deadline is June 15th to file on ET Docket 94-32.

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SLOW CODE

Slow-code, the name given to an Amateur Radio Industry Group proposal to lower the General class code speed requirement to 10 words per minute is gaining far more support than criticism in ham radio circles. Most of the packet radio postings on slow-code have praised the industry groups leadership in this area. Some even say that the proposed lowering of the code speed does not go anywhere far enough with five words per minute being suggested instead.

Hams who favor the five words per minute morse code say that this will allow some sixty to seventy thousand technician class operators, licensed prior to the Novice Enhancement action of the mid 1980's to buy high frequency radios and immediately go on the air. This is because any Tech licensed prior to Novice Enhancement as already passed the General Class theory test and a five word per minute code exam.

A five word per minute General class code speed would also do well for the sagging ham radio support industry and the nations economy. This, since it could conceivably generate an instant sixty to one hundred million dollars in sales of transceivers, antennas and associated equipment. With the continually shrinking dollar to yen exchange ratio, slow-code might even stimulate the creation of new ham radio manufacturing plants here in the United States and create thousands of new jobs.

Slow code is also getting support from users of various public bulletin boards. An unofficial poll being conducted on America Online by Newslite is so far five to one in favor of the Amateur Radio Industry Group's Slow-Code proposal.

The Amateur Radio Industry Group has not announced any firm date as to when it plans to file its slow-code rule making request before the FCC. Nor has there yet been any reaction to this proposal from either the American Radio Relay League or the National Amateur Radio Association.

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RUSSIAN MAIL THIEVES

If you have been waiting a long time for a QSL from Russia and have not received it, this might be the reason. According to Ed Kritsky, NT2X, a recent article in a Russian newspaper has announced arrest of several alleged mail thieves at Moscow's Central Post Office.

Four suspects would pick up mail at Sheremetyevo International

airport near Moscow then drive their trucks to a nearby woods. There they reportedly opened the bags and rip envelopes open, seeking valuable enclosures such as foreign currencies and IRCs. The piles of torn envelopes were then dumped on the spot, as trash. The four were caught only when they became careless and started opening mail at the Post Office warehouse.

The newspaper report says that Russian Postal Service security people was helpless to combat the thievery. In fact, they pretty much missed the whole thing. So you might want to mail out another QSL in case its been over a year since you sent out the first.

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YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR 1994

Sometimes its a lot of little things in life that really pay off. If you don't believe us just ask Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP of Louisville, Kentucky. On Thursday May 12th, -- on her fifteenth birthday -- Allison found out that she had been selected to receive the 1994 Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year Award. Newslane was listening in when Allison found out the news.

"Let's say I said to you right now, and really meant it, congratulations, Happy Birthday and you ARE the Young Ham of the Year, how would you feel?" Westlink.

"I would be very excited." Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

"Well you better be excited, congratulations you're the winner!" Westlink.

"Are you serious?" Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

"I'm as serious as I can be. Congratulations Allison, you are the 1994 WestLink Report Young Ham of the Year." Westlink.

"Thank you!" Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

Allison Zettwoch was chosen as 1994 Young Ham of the Year because of a lot of little things. She took it upon herself to become a ham after reading about the hobby in a youth magazine. Then she took out after her parents, and in short order her father Larry -- a 757 pilot for US Air was sporting the call sign KR4IF and her mother Daneen became known as KD4FN0. Only her younger brother Evan is still not hooked and Allison says she is working on him.

But Allison's recruiting efforts go well past family ties. She is credited with being the inspiration that lead to the licensing of the Zettwoch's closest friends. Their becoming hams has truly made this a multi family affair.

"There's another family here we do, that we work with, that are best friends, there's like three hams in the family. We may be on

different sides of town, but we coordinate to pick up each others kids and things like that. I mean it's very useful device there, not just, you know for friends type talking, but if I'm on this side of town I'll pick up your kid if you'll pick mine up over there. Sometimes it's three o'clock you'll here the Metcalfs and the Zettwochs coordinating who is picking up who and will you feed the dog today because we didn't make it home." Larry Zettwoch explains.

According to John Embry, KR4RL who nominated her, Allison continues to be a motivating force among the young people in ham radio in and around the Louisville area. Embry says that two of the youngsters that she recruited into the hobby have become true ham radio leaders in their own right. One of them, Shannon Metcalf, KD4RER, is already serving on the board of Directors of a major Amateur Radio club.

Embry also says that Allison continues her activities of recruiting young scouts into the ranks of ham radio. At the recent South Louisville Community Festival, she actively discussed ham radio with every person with ventured by the station and display.

"We live in the south end of our city. And we have different groups like we have the Corvette Club come and we had the police there with the talking police car and everything. I set up an amateur radio station to demonstrate to the community what amateur radio is." Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

"Whose idea was it?" Westlink.

"Mine!" Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

In addition to all of this, Allison Zettwoch still manages to maintain a remarkable 4.0 grade point average. She is already taking ground school instruction in anticipation of getting a private pilots license as soon as she turns 16.

KD4CKP says that she loves scuba diving and will be going to China this coming summer as a part of a special school sponsored event. And least we forget, Allison has just assumed the duty of Editor of Watts New, the official newsletter of the Amateur Radio Transmitting Society of Louisville. She says that she does all of the ham radio volunteer work because:

"I enjoy helping people get into the hobby." Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP.

Allison Zettwoch, KD4CKP will receive her award the evening of Saturday, June the 4th at the Sea Pac convention banquet in Seaside, Oregon. On hand to make the presentation will be Westlink Report Editor - Publisher Burt Hicks, WB6MQV, Yaesu

USA's Kevin Karamanos, WD6DIH and Newsline Producer Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF. It was Pasternak who created the Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year Award program back in 1986. Yaesu USA has served as corporate underwriter ever since.

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GENIE TO HOME INTERNET NEWSGROUPS

Two items from the ham radio area on the General Electric Consumer Information Service better known as GENIE. First, as an experiment, the GENIE Radio and Electronics BBS will be bringing its users the radio-related Newsgroups from Internet. If you are a Genie subscriber you will soon see several new topics in categories 4, 6, 7 and 16 that are in reality the text of messages from some of the Internet Newsgroups.

GENIE says that its users will be able to send and receive messages between its posted topics and the respective newsgroups. They add that this is purely experimental at this time.

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NA5E QUILTS AS GENIE SYSOP

Also, effective June 1st, the Genie Radio Roundtable will be under new management. After nearly seven years as sysop, Larry Ledlow, NA5E has decided to step down to pursue a number of writing and education projects. Larry's replacement is Glen Johnson, currently sysop of the GENIE Sports Roundtable. Johnson is described as an active ham with an extensive knowledge of the GENIE system. NA5E says that he will remain on-line and will continue to visit the Radio Roundtable as time permits.

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ANNE RINALDO

Anne Rinaldo, the wife of ARRL Technical Relations Manager Paul Rinaldo, W4RI has died. Mrs Rinaldo passed away at 5:45 AM Eastern time on Tuesday, May 17th after an accidental fall and head injury that she suffered almost a week ago. A memorial service was scheduled for today, Friday, May 20th in Bryn Athyn, Pennsylvania. Other arrangements are pending. Our prayers go out to the Rinaldo family on their tragic loss.

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DXAC VOTES

In DX, and by unanimous vote, the ARRL DX Advisory Committee has passed a recommendation to delete Walvis Bay and Penguin Islands from DXCC accreditation. The DXAC says that these two

entities no longer meet the DXCC criteria following their turnover to Namibia by South Africa. This recommendation has been sent to the Awards Committee along with a suggested retroactive effective date of March 1, 1994.

And In another ballot, the DXAC has voted down a proposal to add additional single band awards to the DXCC program. The committee also decided against adding a 10-Meter DXCC Honor Roll being sought primarily by no-code Techs. Committee members instead expressed support for the mode-specific Honor Rolls that now exist.

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CAROL PERRY RECOVERING

As regular Dayton Hamvention goers know, two of the highlights of that event are the Educators and Youth Forums hosted by New York City teacher Carole Perry, WB2MGP. Over the past several years these have become among the best attended of the Hamvention forums. But only days before Hamvention '94, Carol Perry had to inform the Hamvention planners that she would not be there because the doctor had told her that she needed immediate spinal surgery.

Bob Grove, WA4YPQ of Monitoring Times Magazine and our own Bill Pasternak, WA6ITF stepped in to share duties at the Educators gathering. Former Hamvention General Chairman Noel Mc Kewon, WB8QQC picked up the reins for the standing room only Youth Forum.

But the Hamvention still wanted Carol to be a part of this years festivities. So it arranged for Henry Feinberg, K2SSQ of ATT would go to Carole's home and videotape introductions to each of her sessions. A telephone line was also installed at the Hara Arena to permit Carole to listen in on the forums if she felt that she had the strength. We will let Carole tell you the rest of the story from here:

"Arrangements have been made to telephone my hospital room on Saturday at a quarter to eleven in the morning when the Youth Forum began so that I could say hello to the people and welcome them and feel as though I was part of the forum.

But unbeknownst to us at ten o'clock that morning, I had to vacate the room and the phone was disconnected. And I was discharged that morning from the hospital and a friend came to pick me up along with my daughter and pulled the car up in front of the hospital.

By a quarter to eleven we were seated in the car, but it really bothered me that that phone call was going to be missed. And that nobody would understand why I was not there to receive it. So what I did was I borrowed my friends cellular telephone from the car and made several calls to try to get through to the arena in Dayton.

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ARRL Bulletin 48 ARLB048

Date: Fri, 27 May 1994 19:54:06 EDT
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noc.near.net!usenet.elf.com!rpi!psinnntp!arrl.org!usenet@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: ARLP021 Propagation de KT7H
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

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ARLP021 Propagation de KT7H

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QST de W1AW
Propagation Forecast Bulletin 21 ARLP021

Date: 28 May 94 15:16:35 GMT
From: brunix!pstc3.pstc.brown.edu!root@uunet.uu.net
Subject: Ham Radio few problem
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

roger@btree.brooktree.com (Roger Bly) writes:

> Good! Several of us in San Diego are also writing letters, petitioning,
> jamming, etc. to shut down closed repeaters in the amateur service.
> probably get more organized.

Yup folks, another fine example of how to "quantity before quality"
attitude in Ham Radio is swelling our ranks with "fine" operators who
think that jamming is perfectly acceptable.

10-4!

MD

Date: Sat, 28 May 1994 02:37:33 GMT
From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!usc!howland.reston.ans.net!usenet.ins.cwru.edu!lerc.nasa.gov!
kira.cc.uakron.edu!malgudi.oar.net!witch!doghouse!jsalemi@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: IDing
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

In article <2s2vas\$940@illuminati.io.com>, Sir Hoagy (hoagy@illuminati.io.com) writes:

>I was taught to say "This is KB8SGL monitoring(or listening)" when
>I am just pokin' on a channel, waitin' for a QSO. I hear this:
>"This is AB1CDE listening on 146.88"
>
>Why the hell do you need to tell me the frequency I'm listening to?

This has become quite common in areas with a lot of repeaters, and the prevalence of rigs than can scan memory channels. You can sometimes have a better chance of a QSO if you say the repeater/freq you're listening on, because someone who's scanning a bunch of repeaters knows which one to go to to talk to you.

73...joe

Joe Salemi, KR4CZ Internet: jsalemi@doghouse.win.net
Compuserve: 72631,23 FidoNet: 1:109/136 MCI Mail: 433-3961

Date: 28 May 94 11:41:55 GMT
From: dog.ee.lbl.gov!ihnp4.ucsd.edu!swrinde!cs.utexas.edu!not-for-mail@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
Subject: Need CW/RTTY IBM software for interface
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Hi,

Thanks for looking at my post. My friend has a HAL COMMUNICATIONS CORP CRI-100 computer RTTY/CW interface which he purchased at a ham fest. This converts RTTY or CW sound into TTL or RS-232 signals.

His problem is that he doesn't have the computer software for the IBM compatible PC to make it work.

My question is this: Does anyone know of anywhere on the net where software is located which will decode/encode CW and RTTY from/to RS-232 voltages (COM PORT)? I should be able to make software like this work with this interface given enough documentation for the program is included with the program.

Thanks,
Jeff Johnson
KF8UW

C> (A)bort (R)etry (I)nfluence with large hammer

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mcdphx!schbbs!mothost!delphinium.cig.mot.com!rtsg.mot.com!rundall@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: PRB-1 access and approaching city hall
To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

I would like to get a copy of PRB-1 via anonymous FTP, telnet, email etc. Does anyone know where I could get such info (and any related documents)?

Also, I've heard some horror stories about how hams in the surrounding Chicago suburbs have had to battle the local town-halls. Being a new home-owner, I am concerned about these issues. Last week I bought a house in a town (Lake Zurich, IL) with several (5-10) hams in my neighbourhood according to the CD-ROM database but none of them have towers. I guess they could be inactive - but NO towers in my part of town?? It's a little intimidating.

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rogjd@ucbvax.berkeley.edu
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To: info-hams@ucsd.edu

Patrick J. Rundall (rundall@rtsg.mot.com) wrote:
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: telnet, email etc. Does anyone know where I could get
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: my part of town?? It's a little intimidating.

: From other local suburbs, I've heard hams make comments like:

: "Don't say you need a permit for a 'tower' rather 'an
: antenna support structure'. 'Tower' raises red flags
: and leads to trouble."

: "Be careful when approaching your local government - there
: have been cases where hams have asked about the existence
: of such ordinances and a week later the city council passed
: a new tower restriction that they had never considered."

: "Unless there is a DX'er in your town that happens to be a
: good lawyer with lots of time on his hands, don't bother
: putting up a tower you'll have to take down."

: "Don't ask for permission - it's easier to ask forgiveness!"

: Now I realize that this may be 50% urban folklore and 50% truth
: but comments like these are quite intimidating. Any guidance
: would be appreciated.

: I do know that when we were looking into building a house with one
: of the local builders that put up these big developments (~200
: homes) I was told "You want to put up a TV antenna - that's fine,
: but a ham antenna?".... After digging through some papers, "I'm
: sorry but we have a 'community covenant' separate from the town
: ordinances that states 'no satellite dishes, or external antenna
: allowed - period'". The manager equated ham antennas with never
: mowing the lawn, leaving broken/rusting cars in the yard and painting
: the house plaid. This is especially stupid because their big concern
: was "aesthetics" - however, at both of the developments I've been to
: by this builder there were cell-sites (~150' towers) with-in a mile
: of their little Utopia. Needless to say, I told them how dumb this
: was and walked out.

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: Pat - WZ0H -

This month's CQ has an excellent article about PRB-1. You should read it
straight away, as it answers most of your questions, or at least gives
one point of view regarding such.

You can get a very detailed package regarding PRB-1 from the ARRL. The
package includes court cases and other goodies, and is quite helpful.

Good luck.

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Subject: What does HAM mean ?
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Ron Collins (Ron.Collins@f851.n800.z3.fidonet.org) wrote:

: ==> Quoting cmoore@ilx018.intel.com to All <=-

: cm>In my opinion, it probably originated in antiquity as
: cm> a shortening of the cockney way of pronouncing amateur (Hamateur).
: cm> You will hear a lot of other explanations but this one seems the
: cm> most likely to me.

: 'Allo Cecil! As a "Real Live Cockney" from the East End of London, I 'ave
: never 'eard of this one!
: 'ave a nice day!
: Ron, VK5RY in Souf Haustralia.

'Allo Ron, we 'ave a dozen or so Englishmen working 'ere at Intel and they
agree that in England, the word "ham" is a slang form of the word "amateur"
and the term originated before radio was invented. They think it probably
originated long, long ago in the theatre, as in an actor 'amming it up.

Ham, 'am, and amateur could be closely related. Are you familiar with the term 'am as applied to an actor (usually an amateur actor)?

73, KG7BK, CecilMoore@delphi.com

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Subject : Re: Ham Radio few problem

Roger Bly (roger@btree.brooktree.com) wrote:

: In article <rogjdCqAB3L.9r5@netcom.com>,

: Good! Several of us in San Diego are also writing letters, petitioning,
: jamming, etc. to shut down closed repeaters in the amateur service. We should
: probably get more organized.

: I said it before, but the FCC is willing to consider a "close repeater ban".
: There there are several commissioners (I know one personally) that are
: sympathetic to our cause. They say the request (RFR) must come from the amateur
: community or politically they can not act. I have not been active on lobbying
: the ARRL... attacking the coordinating bodies might be a new angle on this...

: PS. My wife is a communications lawyer... What school are you going to?

: Roger Bly

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: Roger Bly

: roger@brooktree.com

I will be attending the USC Law Center this fall. BTW, hope you're kidding about the jamming. We should all work within the law.

The idea of getting up a petition is a good one. The concept I favor is that closed repeaters would be legal, but they would simply not be coordinated. Therefore any time a closed or private repeater conflicted with a repeater coordinated as open to all licensed amateurs, the latter would have the right of way.

Southern California is ripe for reform of the 440 band coordination. It

is scandalous that it has become almost silly to bother buying a dual band HT, as the 440 band is effectively closed to all but a few good old boys.

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ARLB048 Vanity plan replies

Vanity plan replies

The ARRL has filed reply comments in the FCC's proposal to institute a 'vanity' call sign program (in PR Docket 93-305). The League said that the vast majority of the 109 comments filed on the proposal favored it, in general, with the major concerns being how to fairly administer it.

There were fewer than five comments opposing the proposal and, while they made what the League called 'thoughtful and important points,' they did not seem to represent more than a small minority opinion.

The ARRL in its reply comments said that the issue of cost already had been settled, in that amateurs themselves would pay for the privilege of selecting a call sign.

Regarding Silent Key call signs, the League said that by giving family members and clubs the first opportunity to apply for such call signs, 'well known and respected' amateurs' call signs could be preserved.

The League said that a proposal by Frederick O. Maia, W5YI, to establish a 'Vanity Call Sign Administration' program in the private sector, was not only not permitted within FCC's mandate from Congress, but would be cumbersome and bureaucratic, while adding no value for the applicant.

The League urged the Commission to proceed with a Report and Order on the 'vanity' call sign proposal, incorporating the minor modifications suggested in the earlier ARRL comments.

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Date: (null)

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"Don't say you need a permit for a 'tower' rather 'an antenna support structure'. 'Tower' raises red flags and leads to trouble."

"Be careful when approaching your local government - there have been cases where hams have asked about the existance of such ordinances and a week later the city council passed a new tower restriction that they had never considered."

"Unless there is a DX'er in your town that happens to be a good lawyer with lots of time on his hands, don't bother putting up a tower you'll have to take down."

"Don't ask for permission - it's easier to ask forgiveness!"

Now I realize that this may be 50% urban folklore and 50% truth but comments like these are quite intimidating. Any guidance would be appreciated.

I do know that when we were looking into building a house with one of the local builders that put up these big developments (~200 homes) I was told "You want to put up a TV antenna - that's fine, but a ham antenna?".... After digging through some papers, "I'm sorry but we have a 'community covenant' separate from the town ordinances that states 'no satellite dishes, or external antenna allowed - period'". The manager equated ham antennas with never mowing the lawn, leaving broken/rusting cars in the yard and painting the house plaid. This is especially stupid because their big concern was "aesthetics" - however, at both of the developments I've been to by this builder there were cell-sites (~150' towers) with-in a mile of their little Utopia. Needless to say, I told them how dumb this was and walked out.

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Pat - WZ0H -

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"Opinions are mine, not Motorola's, blah, blah, blah..."

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Date: (null)
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SB PROP ARL ARLP021
ARLP021 Propagation de KT7H

Solar flux was down this past week. From May 20 through 23 geomagnetic conditions were quiet, with the A index below ten each day, and K indices at one or zero about 25 percent of the time.

While solar flux is declining again, geomagnetic disturbances are expected to rise. Look for solar flux to drop to around 70 after the first of the month, and disturbed geomagnetic conditions caused by a recurring coronal hole to peak around May 31 and again on June 3. The high A and K values should gradually taper off, but probably won't reach normal until mid June.

We could see some disturbed conditions during the WPX CW Contest this weekend, with the A index rising to 20 or 30.

Soon we will be seeing a shift to Summer radio conditions, with higher noise levels on the low bands, increase in sporadic-E short skip propagation on higher frequencies, lower optimum frequencies for daytime propagation, and improving high frequency propagation during the evening.

Last week there was an error in the mean value given for solar flux. Instead of 89.8 it was really 91.2.

Sunspot Numbers from May 19 through 25 were 48, 35, 35, 31, 26, 22 and 12, with a mean of 29.9. 10.7 cm flux was 90.6, 89.8, 87.7, 84.6, 81, 77.9 and 74.2, with a mean of 83.7.

The path projection for this week is from Bridgeville, Delaware to the Aland Islands, OH0.

80 meters should be open from 0100 to 0230z and 40 meters from 2330 to 0500. 30 meters may be open most days from 2230 to

0100, and every day from 0330 to 0600. 20 meters should be open most days from 1830 to 2030, and some days may open as early as 1500. Conditions do not look good at this time for frequencies above 20 meters.

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Subject : Re: 6146A vs 6146

Seems that there's still a lot of hams with radios containing tubes (at least in the finals); there's a newsgroup dedicated to tubes, tube-type radios, and radio history - the articles arrive via email, maybe 20-25 per day. If anyone would like to subscribe send an email to:

boatanchors-request@gnu.ai.mit.edu

and ask to be placed on the list. To post an article use the above address but drop the '-request' part.

Lots of very knowledgeable folks on 'boats' - very enjoyable reading.

73,

Jeff NH6IL (who's first station, as WA6QIJ, was a DX-60 and an HR-10)

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